

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the above amendments as placing the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended in order to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §120 with respect to the codependency of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/708,476, thereby validly claiming the benefit of this prior filed nonprovisional application having an effective filing date of September 5, 1996.

Claims 3 and 11 have been cancelled. Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base Claim 3. Also, Claim 7 has been made dependent upon Claim 1 instead of cancelled Claim 3.

Claim 8 has been amended so that it is no longer dependent upon cancelled Claim 3, and also to delete the indefinite language at the end, thereby making Claim 8 more definite to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Also, the dependency of Claim 9 upon Claims 2, 3 and 4 has been deleted, thereby removing the objection under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's objection to Claims 6 through 9 has been overcome by the above amendments. The allowance of Claims 6 through 9 is therefore respectfully solicited.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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